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Proposed Bill No. 5271

LCO No. 607



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN SCREENING TESTS FOR
CYTOMEGALOVIRUS AND GLOBOID CELL LEUKODYSTROPHY AND
ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR
CYTOMEGALOVIRUS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 19a of the general statutes be amended to (1) require a
- 2 screening test for cytomegalovirus be administered to newborn infants
- 3 who fail a hearing screening, (2) require a screening test for globoid
- 4 cell leukodystrophy be administered to all newborn infants if the
- 5 United States Department of Health and Human Services'
- 6 Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in
- 7 Newborns and Children includes globoid cell leukodystrophy in its
- 8 recommended uniform screening panel, and (3) establish a public
- 9 education program concerning cytomegalovirus.

Statement of Purpose:

To proactively detect cytomegalovirus in newborn infants, provide education regarding cytomegalovirus, which can lead to hearing loss and developmental disabilities, and require a screening test for globoid cell leukodystrophy if recommended by the Department of Health and

Human Services' Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children.